

It has been a privilege to call Dr. Shaw a dear friend and stand among many others inspired by his steadfast and unwavering faith in God.

I am eager to see Dr. Shaw transition as the 27th President of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee and continue inspiring the hearts and minds of students and faculty members.

On behalf of the Southwestern Adventist community, I thank Dr. Shaw for all his work, leadership, and dedication to the students and faculty.

I send my blessings to Dr. Shaw and Ann as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives.

In God we trust.

#### HONORING FIREFIGHTER CHRISTIAN RINGLER

#### HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021*

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Firefighter Christian Ringler for his 15 years of service with the Meyersdale Volunteer Fire Department in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.

Firefighters' commitment and service to our community are invaluable. Volunteer firefighters often are called on to respond to emergencies of all types. From battling structure fires to conducting search and rescue operations, volunteer firefighters respond immediately whenever disaster strikes. These heroes often go above and beyond—they teach first aid, educate students about fire and other dangerous hazards, and even install car safety seats for children. Through their diverse and often-difficult work, volunteer firefighters provide lifesaving services and are a staple of our local community.

Firefighter Ringler has worked throughout his career to serve the people of Somerset County. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank him for his work to protect life and property in our community and wish him continued health, safety, and success.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE TRANS- ATLANTIC TELECOMMUNI- CATIONS SECURITY ACT

#### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021*

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, as co-chair of the Congressional Ukraine, Hungary, and Poland Caucuses, Member of the Baltic Caucus, and friend to liberty-lovers across Central and Eastern Europe, I rise to introduce the bipartisan Transatlantic Telecommunications Security Act. I am thankful to my colleague Congressman KINZINGER of Illinois for his co-leadership and partnership on this measure, as well as his commitment to liberty in Europe.

The United States and our NATO allies and partners in Central and Eastern Europe face down increased threats from global actors like a rising China and a belligerent Russia that

seek to export their malign influence and undermine democratic institutions. China seeks to compromise allied critical digital infrastructure by using state-linked companies like Huawei and ZTE to unfairly induce our allies to procure insecure telecommunications equipment and services. Given immense economic potential from rapid 5G deployment, European countries feel significant pressure to use dangerous Huawei equipment despite the political risks.

Bipartisan current and former U.S. officials and civil society members have recognized the threat of malign influence over critical telecommunications networks. 5G networks will serve as the backbone of artificial intelligence platforms with immense national security and domestic economic implications.

Given these critical national security needs, the United States must provide our allies alternatives to Chinese financing and provide increased diplomatic support to our allies to ensure secure telecommunications lines. This legislation would authorize the U.S. Development Finance Corporation to provide financing for cross-border 5G telecommunications infrastructure development to our allies. This financing is key to remove risky and threatening equipment and replace it with secure equipment. The legislation seeks to increase resilience in countries in the region whose infrastructure deficit from the Soviet-era makes them especially vulnerable to malign Chinese influence, including among nations in the Three Seas Initiative.

Additionally, this bill directs the Secretary of State and other relevant agency heads to prioritize diplomacy and project support with European allies and partners to develop 5G markets that are inclusive, transparent, economically viable, socially sustainable, and compliant with international law. Finally, this legislation ensures the United States is leading with our European allies to develop international 5G standards that favor democratic institutions, not further authoritarianism spread by China and Russia.

I am so thankful for the support of the Central and East Europe Coalition, the National Federation of Croatian Americans, as well as the embassies of Czechia, Estonia, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Poland, and Slovenia.

The U.S. Congress must act to ensure the security of our NATO allies and partners. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this legislation and look forward to working with Rep. KINZINGER towards this bill's passage.

#### RECOGNIZING COLONEL HENRY L. "HANK" ADAMS (USA, RET.)

#### HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021*

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a gentleman who defines devotion to country. Colonel Hank Adams enlisted as an infantryman during World War II then proceeded to serve this country for 41 years as a soldier in the United States Army. His steady advancement from private to sergeant major to second lieutenant and then colonel is testament to a life's work under-

taking demanding and often dangerous assignments extremely well. Yet, immediately after his retirement from active duty, Col. Adams continued his work to make our armed forces the best they can be. For 34 years and counting, he has served as a U.S. Military Academy Liaison Officer relentlessly working to find and mentor the very best young men and women to lead our armed forces.

Col. Adams has provided critical assistance to me and the citizens of California's Fourth Congressional District. For 12 years, he has been the presiding member of my Service Academy Nomination Panel—and the only member with a Ruptured Duck on his lapel. His wise council and collegial coordination with the other former and active duty military officers on the panel has meant over 120 of the finest from this district have gone to our academies and then proceeded to protect this nation.

We must remember and honor men like Col. Adams who have made this county the freest and therefore the greatest in history. His lifetime example of putting country above self is increasingly rare. All too often, it is forgotten that the freedoms we enjoy are afforded to us by the service and heroism of men like Col. Adams. I am proud to rise today in gratitude and recognition of Col. Hank Adams' 75 years of continuous, uninterrupted service to our country.

#### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUC- TURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT FOR AIRPORTS

#### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 19, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for Airports," with U.S. Senator TAMMY DUCKWORTH (D-IL). I want to thank Representatives BRIAN BABIN (R-TX36), CONER LAMB (D-PA 17), JULIA BROWNLEY (D-CA26), and ADAM B. SCHIFF (D-CA28) and Senator JOHN CORNYN (R-TX) for their support as original cosponsors.

The country that invented air travel should not have to look to other countries' airports with envy. Congress must invest in modernizing our nation's airports to better meet the traveling public's needs and address public health concerns like coronavirus. Now more than ever, Americans deserve airports that are as efficient, safe, and clean as possible.

In its most recent annual report card, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave our nation's airports and related civilian aviation infrastructure a "D+" grade, requiring more than in \$237 billion in total capital improvements over the next 10 years. The "Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act for Airports" is a good first step, unlocking approximately \$2 billion in federal financing available as of fiscal year 2020 for airport modernization projects, including climate resilience projects.

Roadway and transit projects eligible under the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) are already subject to "Buy America" requirements. Our bicameral, bipartisan bill for this Congress incorporates the key provision from my "TIFIA for Airports